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SUBJ: SIAD REITERATES STAND ON SOMALI NATIONALISM

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1. MARCH 26, SPEAKING TO GROUP OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS WHOM HE
EXHORTED TO TAKE PART IN REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE FOR SOCIAL PROGRESS,
PRESIDENT MOHAMED SIAD BARRE TOOK OCCASION TO REMIND ETHIOPIAN
PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT (EPMG) THAT "SOMALI PEOPLE WILL NO
LONGER ACCEPT TO REMAIN UNDER COLONIALISM". IF EPMG MEANS WHAT
IT SAYS ABOUT SOCIALISM, HE ADDED, "IT SHOULD ALLOW THE RIGHT OF
SELF-DETERMINATION TO THE PEOPLES, INCLUDING THE SOMALIS, WHICH
HAVE BEEN LONG COLONIALIZED BY THE ETHIOPIAN EMPIRE".

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2. SIAD ALSO ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO GSDR RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS,
STATING THAT TWO COUNTRIES' "FRIENDSHIP" WAS BASED UPON MUTUAL
COOPERATION AND WAS "GAINING MOMENTUM" DAY-BY-DAY AS RESULT OF
THEIR "COMMON IDEOLOGY". AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, SIAD POINTEDLY
BALANCED ACCOUNT BY SAYING THAT SOMALIS WERE AN "ARAB" PEOPLE
AND THAT GSDR WAS PREPARED TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH ARAB

STATES IRRESPECTIVE OF "INTERNAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC SYSTEMS".

3. THUS SIAD AGAIN MAKES CLEAR THAT SOMALI NATIONALISM AND IRREDENTISM ARE TOUCHSTONES OF GSDR POLICY. HIS KIND WORDS TO SOVIETS, PROBABLY DESIGNED TO PROTECT HIS POLITICAL FLANKS, CAN NOT DISGUISE CLEAR WARNING HE HAS GIVEN THEM THAT GSDR WILL NOT SACRIFICE SOMALI NATIONAL INTEREST FOR ABSTRACT "SOCIALIST" PRINCIPLES.

4. FULL TEXT STATEMENT BEING POUCED DEPARTMENT AND SELECTED POSTS.

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